

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 27, 2007. Claims 15-18 are presented for examination, of which Claim 15 is in independent form. Claims 15, 17 and 18 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The specification has been amended to conform the Summary of Invention section to the amended claims.

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) on the grounds that they do not show every feature on the invention specified in the claims, including specifically, the following recitation: “wherein the display portion displays that there exists data to be communicated, in the case where there exists data to be communicated between the communication apparatus and the other communication apparatus, and said change portion is not able to change the communication mode to the active communication mode.” Applicants respectfully submit that this recitation, as amended, is clearly shown in the drawings in at least Figure 34, steps S3401 and S3403. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Office Action states that the same recitation quoted above is not adequately described in the specification. Applicants submit that this recitation, as amended, is clearly described in the specification at least Figure 34, steps S3401 and S3403 and page 103, lines 7-21. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,773,332 (Glad) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,481,656 (Wakabayashi) and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,463,307 (Larsson).

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glad, in view of Wakabayashi and Larsson et al., and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,595 (Yoshiura et al.).

As shown above, Applicants have amended independent Claim 15 in terms that more clearly define what they regard as their invention. Applicants submit that this amended independent claim, together with the remaining claims dependent thereon, are patentably distinct from the cited prior art for at least the following reasons.

Claim 15 is directed to a communication apparatus, including: (1) a wireless communication portion configured to wirelessly communicate with another communication apparatus, wherein said wireless communication portion has an active wireless communication mode and power save wireless communication mode; (2) a change portion configured to change the wireless communication mode of said wireless communication portion and; (3) a display portion configured to display information about the wireless communication mode in accordance with the change of the wireless communication mode by said change portion.

Among other notable features of Claim 15 is a display portion configured to display information about the wireless communication mode in accordance with the change of the wireless communication mode by said change portion. By virtue of the structure recited in Claim 15, the user is easily informed when the wireless channel of the communication apparatus cannot be used.

Glad relates to a facsimile apparatus that includes a wireless communication feature. However, Applicants have found nothing in Glad that would teach or suggest a wireless communication mode at all, much less “a display portion configured to display information about the wireless communication mode in accordance with the change of the wireless communication mode by said change portion,” as recited in Claim 15. Based on the Office Action, it is believed that the Examiner does not disagree.

Neither Wakabayashi nor Larsson remedies the deficiencies of Glad.

Wakabayashi relates to an accessory control device for use in an electronic apparatus which has a first processor capable of performing certain predefined logical operations, such as image data development and printing control, in accordance with processing steps stored in a first memory connected thereto. Wakabayashi discusses that it is desirable to display memory use for the accessory control device, and error codes and descriptions for the codes when an error occurs during image development using a liquid crystal display panel of a console panel, and that it may also be effective to display an operating mode, such as current operating frequency (clock), sleep mode, etc. However, Applicants have found nothing in Wakabayashi that would teach or suggest “a display portion configured to display information about the wireless communication mode in accordance with the change of the wireless communication mode by said change portion,” as recited in Claim 15 (emphasis added).

Larssen discusses that the IEEE 802.11 specification has a power saving procedure for active terminals, and that the terminals can decide to enter or exit the power saving mode. However, Applicants have found nothing in Larssen that would teach or suggest “a display portion configured to display information about the wireless communication mode in

accordance with the change of the wireless communication mode by said change portion,” as recited in Claim 15.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claim 15 is patentable over Glad, Wakabayashi and Larssen, whether considered separately or in any permissible combination (if any).

A review of the other art of record, including Yoshiura, has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant’s opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as a reference against Claim 15.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Early and favorable continued examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

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